धातुकर्मीय कोक, फेरो निकेल, चार्ज निकेल और निकेल ऑक्साइड सिंदूर, न्यून सिलिकायुक्त चूना-पत्थर और ग्रेफाइट इलेक्ट्रोड (28 इंच से अधिक) पर विशेष आयात शुल्क समाप्त करना।

(3) पाटन-रोधी जांच तंत्र को सुदृढ़ करना और यूक्रेन और रूस से आयातित तप्त बेलित क्वायलों पर पाटन-रोधी-शुल्क लगाने की सिफारिश करना।

(4) निर्यात में वृद्धि करने हेतु इस्पात के निर्यात के लिए ड्यूटी एन्टाइटलमेंट पास बुक (डी०ई०पी०बी०) दरों को युक्ति संगत बनाना।

(5) निर्यात में अड़चनों का समाधान करने के लिए इस्पात के निर्यातकों की सहायता करने हेतु इस्पात निर्यातक मंच का गठन।

(6) इस्पात निर्माण के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी में सुधार करने और भारतीय इस्पात की गुणवत्ता में सुधार करने के लिए विशिष्ट अनुसंधान और विकास परियोजनाओं की जांच करने तथा सहायता देने के लिए एक अधिकार-प्राप्त समिति का गठन करना।

(ग) से (ड़) विद्युत दरों में वृद्धि तथा घटिया गुणवत्ता से इलेक्ट्रिक आर्क फर्नेस और इंडक्शन फर्नेस क्षेत्र की आर्थिक स्थिति प्रभावित हुई है। इस उद्योग को कुछ राहत प्रदान करने के लिए इस्पात विभाग राज्य सरकारों से दरों के ढांचे को युक्तिसंगत बनाने के लिए अनुरोध करता रहा है।

Study Groups for Certain Policy Measures

2450. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be plesed to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. has formed working groups to recommend certain policy measure on different aspects of its working;

(b) if so, the topics covered by the study groups and personnel appointed for the purpose; and

(c) when the working groups are likely to submit their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has formed seven working groups to identify Strategic Thrust Areas (STAs). Topics covered by these groups and personnel appointed for the purpose are given below:—

S.No.	Topics	Personal Appointed
1.	People Related Issues	(1) Managing Director, (2) Director (Personnel) SAIL
2.	Increase Market Share & Net Sales Realisation through Customer Satisfaction, Quality Assurance and Aggressive Selling Strategies	(1) Director (Commercial) SAIL (Managing Director, Bokaro Steel Plant
3.	Reduction of Costs	(1) Director (Operations) SAIL (2) Director (RDCIS), SAIL
4.	Full Capacity Utilisation of Modernised Units	(1) Managing Director, Durgapur Steel Plant
5.	Asset Restructuring	(1) Director (Projects), SAIL (2) Managing Director, Rourkela Steel Plant

6.	Profit + Liquidity Optimising	(1) Managing Director, Bokaro Steel Plant (2) Director (Finance) SAIL
7.	Fully utilise In-House Assets	(1) Managing Director, Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.

Respective working groups have already submitted their recommendations, and implementation of the same has started.

Changes in Mining Lease

2451. SRHI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to recommend the changes in mining lease and prospecting license aimed to curb illegal mining;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its recommendations; and

(d) if so, the main points of recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Central Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India with Mining Secretaries of State Governments of Orissa, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Assam and Himachal Pradesh, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries and Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines etc. as members. The terms of reference of the Committee are appended as Statement (*See* below). The Committee has submitted its report to the Government which, inter-alia. includes strengthening of the penal provisions for curbing illegal mining. Further necessary action for amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder has already been initiated.

Statement

The terms of reference of the Committee Constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary (Mines) to Review Mining Rules and Procedures.

(i) to consider and suggest further delegation of powers to the State Governments regarding grant/ renewal of Prospecting Licence/ Mining Lease and other related approvals under the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 and the Rules made thereunder;

(ii) to review the existing laws and procedures governing regulation and development of minerals and to suggest steps to make them compatible with the changed policies;

(iii) to review the existing procedures pertaining to grant/renewal of Prospecting Licences/Mining Leases and to suggest measures to reduce delay in this regard at the levels to State Governments and the Central Government; and

(iv) to suggest measures to prevent illegal mining.

Bungling in the supply of Hard Coke

2452. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected large scale bungling in the purchase/